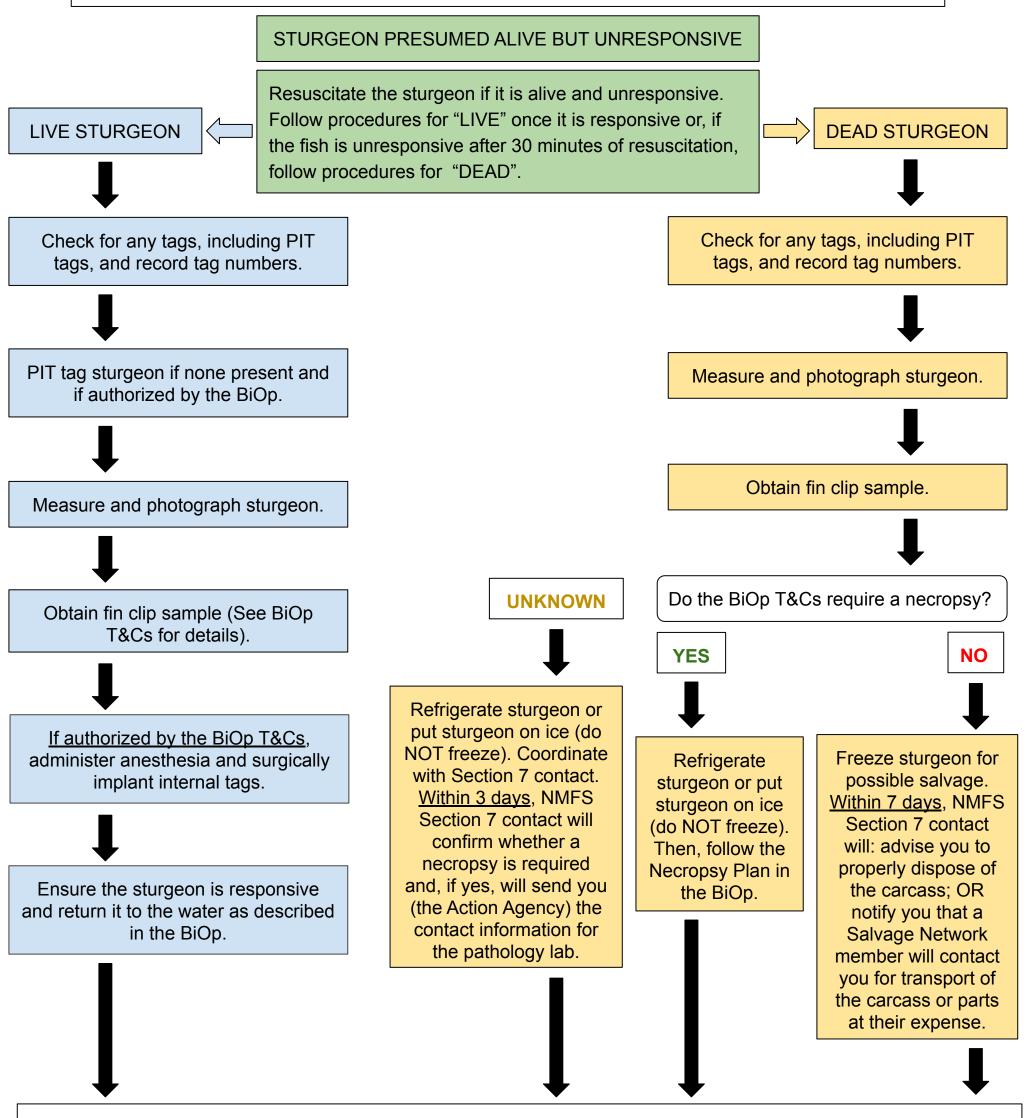
External Sturgeon Take SOPs

You must follow the RPMs and T&Cs in your Biological Opinion for every take of a live or dead sturgeon. Within 24 hours of the take, you must send information and photos to incidental.take@noaa.gov. Follow the steps below and return live sturgeon to the water ASAP. Do not complete any step that is not required by the RPMs and T&Cs of your BiOp.



Within 24 hours of the take:

- Send Take Report Form and photos to incidental.take@noaa.gov (one form per fish). See Section 7 website for form:
 - https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/consultations/section-7-take-reporting-programmatics
- Send PIT tag #, date, location, and length to mike mangold@fws.gov.
- Store fin clips until designated time to send to USGS (see BiOp T&Cs for details).





Properly dispose of carcass if you do not receive a reply from the NMFS Section 7 contact within 3 days for refrigerated/iced carcasses or within 7 days for frozen carcasses.

SEA TURTLE TAKE PROCEDURES

Action Agency should refer to BiOp and always follow the RPMs and T&Cs. If BiOp does not include one of these steps, then you are not covered under the BiOp to perform that step. Skip that step and move onto the next step. See BiOp for specific instructions.

